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AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30pm	3 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	4 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9-12:30	5 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	6	7	8
9 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30pm	10 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	11 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9-12:30	12 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	13	14	15
16 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30	17 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	18 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9-12:30	19 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	20	21	22
23/30 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30pm	24/31 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	25 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9-12:30	26 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	27	28	29

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." -1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

I have nothing particularly profound to mention this month, with the exception of a spirit of gratitude. This past month, I was greatly surprised to be surrounded by people of both congregations and from other parts of life in a celebration of my 40th birthday. While individual thank you notes are finally out in the mail, please hear this general thanksgiving.

The personal touches that people put into gifts was particularly striking. It is a pointed reminder that I've been around long enough for people to have gotten to know me. What I am most thankful for, however, were the many notes that made it clear I was making a difference.

It was a lesson for me not only to give more thanks, but also to encourage those who are making a difference in my own life and in the life of the church.

So, thank you for letting me be a bit selfish with my short message this month. Let it also encourage you, however, to express your thanksgiving to the people who make a difference in your life. Often times it means the world to others to know that the love that pours out does not return to them empty.

With gratitude beyond words,
Pastor Ken

THE BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP:

Tuesday 9am-12:30pm



Summer Treasures!

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8AM-1PM**

August Anniversaries

August 01	Sean & Kelly Sosik-Hamor	28 years
August 05	Eric & Tara Berger	15 years
August 14	Frederick & Nancy Young, Jr.	55 years
August 15	Jan & Karen Sosik	56 years
August 25	Robert & Nancy Treskot	53 years
August 26	Victor & Kathy Jahelka	49 years



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST!

August 13	Ashley Kraftician
August 14	Michael Bowman
August 24	Stephen Hansut
August 29	Amanda Ruch
August 31	Patrick Walck

COUNCIL MEETING



August 16 6:00PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Jon Kistler</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Steve Berger</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
<i>Rich Hyer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Jim Miller</i>	<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>
<i>Krissy Keblish</i>	
<i>Ron Keblish</i>	
<i>Gerry Dorshimer</i>	
<i>Scott Heinrich</i>	
<i>Eric Reif</i>	
<i>Gordon Walls</i>	
<i>Deb Hansut</i>	
<i>Don Delich</i>	

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

<i>Larry Arner</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Jessica Hansen</i>	<i>Financial Sec.</i>

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

June - Envelope Offering:	\$4834
June – Additional Income:	\$866
June – Expenses:	\$8381
Attendance:	
June 07	28
June 14	35
June 21	30
June 28	32

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

AUGUST 2

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer

Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich

Altar Guild: Gerry Dorshimer, Deb & Steve Hansut

Flowers: Jim & Diane Miller – IHO Our Loved Ones

Bulletins: ***NEEDED***

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 9

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Ron Keblish, Terry Holland, Taylor Keblish

Altar Guild: Gerry Dorshimer, Deb & Steve Hansut

Flowers: Deb & Steve Hansut –
IMO Maurice & Eleanor Scheirer

Bulletins: ***NEEDED***

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 16

Assisting Minister: Deb Hansut

Ushers: Loren LaRose & ***NEEDED***

Altar Guild: Gerry Dorshimer, Deb & Steve Hansut

Flowers: The Sosik Family –
IHO Karen & Jan's Anniversary

Bulletins: ***NEEDED***

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 23

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner

Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild: Gerry Dorshimer, Deb & Steve Hansut

Flowers: ***NEEDED***

Bulletins: ***NEEDED***

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 30

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls

Altar Guild: Gerry Dorshimer, Deb & Steve Hansut

Flowers: ***NEEDED***

Bulletins: ***NEEDED***

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

USHERS NEEDED!

**WE HAVE A NEED FOR USHERS.
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE YOUR TIME,
PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT HEINRICH.
YOU CAN ALSO NOTIFY THE OFFICE.**

HOME VISITS

Home & shut-in visits are being planned.
If anyone would like to receive communion,
please contact Pastor Ken or the office.

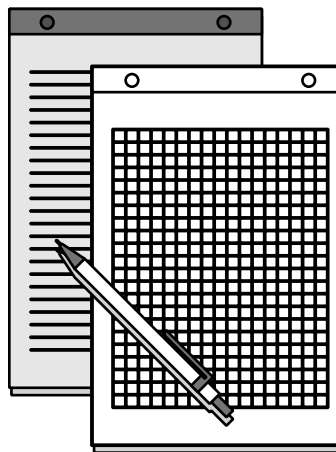


BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held at Holy Trinity
on Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:00pm

SPONSORS NEEDED!

We have many openings on the sponsor board.
Please help us offset our costs by generously
sponsoring flowers or bulletins. Thank You!



PALMERTON FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13



THIS YEAR WE WILL BE SELLING:

- *Sticky Buns*
- *Molasses Tongue Cookies*
- *Cheesecakes*
- *Mint Iced Tea.*

TO HELP DEFRAY OUR COST, DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED:

- **White Granulated Sugar**
- **Bags of Mini-Chocolate Chips (need 5 bags)**
- **Cans of Cherry Pie Filling (need 7 cans)**
- **Empty Plastic Gallon Jug Containers (no milk containers)**

PLEASE PLACE THESE IN THE BIN IN THE NARTHEX. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! DON & TERI DELICH

-Bakers & Festival Stand Help Needed!

There will be a baking signup sheet as well as a stand shift signup sheet in the narthex around mid-August.

-Nominations Needed!

Council is looking for nominations of people/groups to receive a share of the proceeds from the Palmerton Festival. Please contact any council member, email the church (htlcoppa@ptd.net), or fill out & return the form that is located in the narthex. The nomination period is ending soon. Submit your nomination now!



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Building Community from InsideOut

Submitted by Stacey Burke, NEPA Synod Director of Communications



"God is a creative God. Don't be afraid to tap into the gifts God's given to you." Those words from Pastor Rashon "Woody" Santiago capture the heart of the InsideOut ministry, a community-centered ministry based at Advent Lutheran Church in West Lawn PA, where she currently serves as transitional pastor. Rooted in relationships, creativity, and collaboration, InsideOut is reimagining what it means to gather, connect, and serve.

For Pastor Woody, ministry is about creating spaces where people can be known, heard, and valued. Whether around a game table, a shared meal, or a Bible study, InsideOut invites people into conversation, encouraging them not only to hear God's Word, but also to share their own experiences, perspectives, and faith with one another.

Every Wednesday evening at Advent Lutheran Church, people gather for a shared meal followed by an InsideOut Bible study. Rather than simply hearing a lesson, participants are invited into conversation, sharing their own experiences and perspectives while learning from one another. Pastor Woody believes these conversations create opportunities to experience God's love through

community while reminding participants that everyone has something to contribute.

That same spirit extends beyond Wednesday evenings. Through community meals, video game nights, partnerships with local nonprofits, and creative gatherings, InsideOut creates welcoming spaces where people of all ages can build relationships, learn from one another, and experience God's love in community. Pastor Woody describes it as a place where people are welcomed for who they are before anything else. Whether someone is a lifelong church member, new to faith, or simply looking for connection, everyone has a place at the table.

Community video game nights are another way InsideOut creates spaces where people feel welcome. While children and youth gather around the games, parents, caregivers, and neighbors build relationships, creating connections that extend well beyond the evening's activities.

That welcoming spirit extends beyond the walls of the church through partnerships with organizations such as Café Esperanza and other community groups. Pastor Woody believes ministry is strongest when congregations and organizations work together, sharing their gifts to meet both spiritual and physical needs. One example of that community-centered approach is a growing suitcase ministry that provides suitcases, duffel bags, and backpacks for children entering foster care. After witnessing a child packing their belongings into a trash bag, Pastor Woody felt called to respond by collecting luggage that offers dignity and hope during an already difficult transition. What began as a simple response to one child's experience has grown into a ministry that has collected more than 1,300 suitcases through partnerships with congregations from multiple mission districts.

The suitcase ministry is only one expression of InsideOut's broader vision. Looking ahead, Pastor Woody dreams of expanding InsideOut into a community gathering space where people can celebrate birthdays, learn together, play basketball, create media, partner with nonprofits, and simply spend time with one another. At the heart of every dream is the same goal: creating places where everyone belongs.

Pastor Woody sees InsideOut not simply as a program, but as a calling. "God put this on my heart to do," she said. She believes some of the most meaningful moments happen when people have the opportunity not only to hear God's Word, but also to share how God is at work in their own lives.



Ministries like InsideOut are strengthened through the shared ministry of congregations across the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Through Mission Support, congregations invest in relationships, collaboration, and creative expressions of ministry that help communities experience God's love in new and meaningful ways.

Learn more about how one conversation at Synod Assembly sparked a collaboration between congregations across multiple mission districts, resulting in hundreds of suitcases being collected for children entering foster care by reading the companion story on the synod's website.

To learn more about the ministry and future partnership opportunities, watch for upcoming stories in the synod's communications or reach out to Pastor Woody at Advent Lutheran Church.



Help Make Ministry Possible

Through Mission Support, congregations share resources, support leaders, and expand ministry. Thank you for helping strengthen congregations, support leaders, and launch new ministries. Learn more about Mission Support and how your congregation can support at godsllove.org/missionsupport.